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THE CORN DEAL.

Certain operators, otherwise gamblers, in Chicago have sold 20,000,000 bushels of corn, which they do not now own, with the understanding that they are to procure it and deliver it to the purchasers before the end of July. Such sales are made on the expectation that when the time for delivery comes it will be possible for the seller to buy the corn cheaper than the price at which he has contracted to deliver it and thus make a "legitimate" profit in the transaction. The one party to the contract takes the chances of corn going up and the other of its going down. This year July corn is hard to get. With the month half gone only one-quarter of the 20,000,000 of bushels has been bought for delivery, and the prospects are that the remainder can be obtained only at prohibitive prices-prices set by the buyers themselves, because they control the visible supply. So when the day of settlement comes the "shorts" will be at the mercy of the buyers, with an assignment the only recourse of many of them.

In other words, the jackpot is now to be opened, and those who succeeded in "filling," otherwise the buyers, will proceed to freeze out the other players, the sellers. The latter trusted to chance; the former, by getting control of the counters in the game, have been betting on a "dead sure thing." And the result will leave some of the players "kings of finance" and some others bankrupt. It is a great gamble.

Wily Celestial .- When Minister Wu refers to the "calm, discreet views of American statesmen, their fair propositions and unswerving good faith" we understand hand? What did he say?" why he is great in diplomacy. Yet we see no occasion to amend the Bret Harte opinion that "the heathen Chinee

NEW YORK IS SAFE.

The collapse of the famous campanile of St. Mark's in Venice is an event which may well startle the whole civilized world. If a massive tower which has stood erect without a flaw or crack for a thousand years can give way thus suddenly and without warning, it sounds a note of alarm to other tall buildings.

New York, however, need feel no apprehension for its skyscrapers. They are not of the crumbling kind. The Venice campanile, built of bricks and mortar, rested on a foundation of piles driven into the soft mud of the Venetian lagoon. The New York skyscrapers are firmly bolted trusses of steel resting on solid rock.

New York is safe, but the same cannot be said of Chicago. There the conditions resemble those of Venice. If it is true that the disaster to the campanile was caused by the dredging of the harbor Chicago may be in serious

Divorce and the Child .- In the Lederer divorce case the referee holds that while the father is to have charge of the child the mother is to have custody of it one day a week. A Solomon's decision.

THE LATIMER MYSTERY.

It is to be hoped that the Coroner's inquest, which is set for Thursday, will clear up the mystery of the Latimer case, at least to the extent of settling the question as to whether the murder was really the work of a bur giar or not. At the same time it must be admitted that the ground for such hope is slight. Official neglect and incompetence have done all that was possible to surround the case with mystery and uncertainty and to obstruct the course of justice.

Judged by the standard of efficiency in the prosecu tion of crime, the great city of Brooklyn is even more antiquated than the rural county of Suffolk.

The Fireproof Question .- In refusing to commit himself on the pending question of relaxing the fireproof requirements of the skyscrapers, Building Commissioner Stewart mys: "There is no such thing as real fireproof wood." That, however, is no reason for not making wood as near fireproof as possible.

WORSE THAN NEEDLESS.

It is not enough to say that the strike of the freight handlers and teamsters of Chicago was wholly needless and easily preventable. It required an unusual combination of wrong-headedness and obstinacy to render it

There was nothing at all at stake except a small question of money in the shape of a slight advance in wages. Rather than concede this the controlling influences in the railroad management have accepted the alternative of a strike, well knowing that it would probably cost them ten times the amount of money involved in the wage question, and also well knowing the probable damage to the general business interests on which the railroads

More conspicuously in this strike than in any other the unoffending public are the chief sufferers, and this circumstance may have its effect in diminishing the sympathy which might otherwise be extended to the men. Moreover, Mr. Samuel Gompers has officially notifled the public that a strike is none of their business.

In the Wild West.-Are the good old days returning to the West? Following the Tracy bad-man episode comes the robbery of a train by highwaymen at Chester, Col. A feature of the hold-up was that the passengers were made to line up and shell out as in the most approved stageach style. Nature would seem to be preparing the soil for another Bret Harte

LOBSTER AND ICE CREAM.

The death of Mrs. Grace L. Patterson at a Sheepshead Bay hotel is attributed to the lobster and ice cream she had imprudently eaten together. There may have been contributory causes in the matter of cucumbers and corn; these articles of diet figure on most seaside bills of fare at this season. Quite likely, as so many incautious diners do on a hot day, she may have begun the al with cold clams and cold bouillon and washed it vn with cold tea. It is a prevalent theory that cold cod is cooling and easier of digestion than warm when the thermometer is high.

How erroneous this theory is is apparent to any one the reflects that in dealing with chilled food the stomach st first raise it to the normal temperature before the ive process can begin, and this proceeding warms he body rather than cools it. It is a fad of some midcourmands to have the entire menu one of iced The one redeeming feature of such a meal is the linarily condemned as heating, but serving a in this instance by stimulating digestion.

would cease to concern themselves about the dities" of food in summer time but confine to simple dishes, avoiding rich pastries and seerts and "going light" on meat, they would n the best serivce.





The Funny Side of Life.

JOKES OF OUR OWN

HOW TO GET THEM. one should pay good cash fo clothes Is more than I can tell;

copper quick will collar you, And cuff you, too, as well. And then to make your outfit whole, Complete, as it should be.

LACK OF SUPPLY.

Would suit you to a T.

"What makes you think there'll be "Oh, all the natives down there wil working on the canal to make any hats.

FROM QUAKERVILLE.

"That Philadelphia girl said she'd be "Well, you know she comes from the City of Brotherly Love.

SOMETHING TO BOOT. "So you asked him for his daughter's "Oh, he seemed to think his foot would do just as well."

BORROWED JOKES.

WHEN WINTER COMES.

"I see that the coal strike has already aused a loss estimated at \$22,000,000." "Phew! I wonder what my share is?" "You'll find out next winter."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HOW STUPID Millicent-That Miss Splasher has hor-

Maude-Why so? Millicent-Why, she goes right into the water with her bathing suit on .- Ohio State Journal.

ADDENDA.

She-Oh, no! I admit you can't beleve one-half the things you hear. He-No; nor one-third, even. She-I guess that's so.

He-But you can usually repeat fourthirds, can't you?-Philadelphia Press.

A PECULIAR SUPERSTITION.

"It is claimed that the natives o fartinique have a superstition that all will go well with them as long as the Americans remain on the island." "Yes, of course. The Americans are the only people who ever go there with any money."-Toledo Bee.

SOMEBODIES.

ALBERT, PRINCE OF THURN-is the king of the dandles. He dons an entirely new suit each day, each suit being perfumed with attar of roses at \$25 an ounce. His tailor's bill is \$15,000 He wears annually 1,000 neckties and 200 pairs of boots.

CURTIS, CONGRESSMAN-of Kansas. is one-fourth Indian and is looked or by the red men as their legislative champion.

FIELD, DR. HENRY M.-who is now in his eighty-first year, is the sole survivor of the famous "Field brothers, which included David Dudley, Cyrus & NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

and Judge Stephen Field. FURNESS, DR. H. H.-the Shakespear ian authority, owns a pair of gold embroidered buff gauntlets once wor

by Shakespeare. JONES, REV. J. H .- of Alliance, O., has been in the ministry over seventy years. He is now eighty-nine.

PAYNE, A. W .- of Bangor, Me., i. probably the oldest practising lawyer, He is ninety, is still vigorous and com-

LOVE'S TRIUMPH. In summer when the days are long.

The Roses and the Lilies talk; They hear a murmur like a song, As 'neath the trees young lovers

They wonder what the words may be That make the girl's cheeks like a And what he says-that gallant he-

To stir her heart from its repose. Ah, Roses, you have not the spell; And, Lilies white, you must forego The language in which lovers tell

The secrets only lovers know. To be a flower were joy enough If summer lasted all the year; But autumn comes and winds are rough-

Roses and Lalies disappear. 'Tis lovers who outlive the year, And triumph over winter's snow; If love be true, they need not fear,

-Louise Chandler Moulton in July

WHO WILL WEAR CROKER'S SHOES?



The Wigwam is a-wagging with a mighty slice of news; Bill Devery is going to try on Croker's cast-off shoes! The shoes the Joke, the Two-Spot and the Sport together tried, And had to use a microscope to find themselves inside.

ALMOST A CHILL.



The Boy-Well, I should say nit! was born and raised in this town.



"She ain't the beauty she used to "No, and it's my opinion she neve



Miss B .- Sir-r-r! Mr. S. (hastily)—I mean—do you ever go in bathing?

DIDN'T STOP.

through your head? Teacher-Then why can't you tell

Tommy-Because it's gone through



DIPLOMACY.

He-Darling, why did you get mad when I kissed you last night? She-It was enough to make me mad; some one was looking.

A MISCALCULATION.



Budge-Shapes, the undertaker over there, says you're a dead one. Fudge—He's been trying to bury

TIMELY "What He Is Paid For."

Queries About "L" Express Trains. to the Editor of The Evening World: Why are no express trains run from

To the Editor of The Evening World:

In reply to "Office Boy's" letter on the street? These are but a few of the treatment of office boys, I would say vicissitudes of the express train. Why that such work as he complains of is also, are they so often several minutes precisely what he is paid for.

OFFICE BOY NO. 2. delay thom. E. L. PARSONS.

Says He Lacks the Price. To the Editor of The Evening World: Peter J. Claiveres, of Wyckoff, N. J. the money, at that. B. NATANUS, Worcester, Mass. Scores the Park Roads.

To the Editor of The Evening World.

Why is it that the roads in Central Park are made with gravel and dirt in-stead of being made with broken stone? West Fifty-ninth street or Seventy-second street after \$.05 A. M.? Why not continue them as late as at stations further uptown? It would cost no more cannot raise the price. Never mind, ing the amount of money that is spent and would be a convenience to every Pete, as soon as you get out of the upon them they are a disgrace to the city. The continue them are also, why don't express trains that "six-a-week" class you'll be able to buy and in fact to any civilized community. Our Central Park roads ought to be

I do a great deal of bicycle riding and tions are sacredly handed down and observed, and this enjoy riding through the park on account of the pleasant surroundings, but the road surface over which I have to ride in many parts of the park is simply execuable.

Throughout Holland the four Sundays of November are kept days. They are named severally Review Decision.

ODDITY CORNER.

NEW WONDERS. By the new elec trical apparatus of Prof. C. W. Carmen, pictures on any opaque ma-terial are projected upon a screen Even a view from the object itself, if too large, may be magnified and thrown upon the sheet, without any

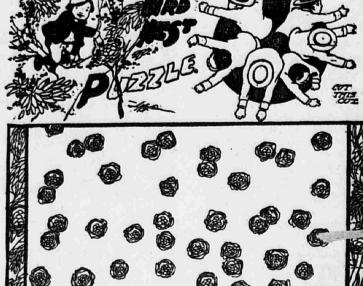
VIBRATIONS. The vibration of the diaphragm of ceiver is not easily

lantern slide.

measured, but the best calculation is said to show a movement of about one twenty-millonth of an inch. AN OWL'S DIET. Eighty pigeons had their eyes picked out recent-

ly by an owl which entered their loft by night Prussia. She same owl the night be fore picked out the eves of a whole which were in the

GIVE EACH BOY A BIRD NEST.



People there are who would chastise the small boy for robbing bird nests, but youth must have its day and its thoughtless deeds. Six small chaps are shown in the circular cut out at the top of the illustration; their hands extend over the edge of the circle. Cut this piece out and by moving it over the part co the numerous nests, find a place for it where every lad will have a bird negs in

LOCUMTS.

Mountain locust on

grasshopper in 1876

000 of crops to Kansas, Missouri,

Nebraska and

Iowa, and the in-

direct loss was

probably as much

DANGER.

Both eyes of a

wolf in a menag-

erie at Lyons have

for cataract. Af-

the animal's eyeids were sewn to-

gether to prevent

it opening them

for several hours.

the operation

The Rocky,

AN OLD GERMAN CHARM,

ania, where it was formerly very common. "Dull" is low German for "toll," meaning mad, and "brett" is a board, and a dullbrett is a board engraved with letters and rune-like characters. Its use is as follows. On the appearance of a rumor that a dog or other animal in the vicinity has gone mad dough made of rye flour is pressed upon the board and baked. The baked loaf, which shows he cabalistic characters in relief, is broken up and a piece is given to every snember of the establishment, brute as well as human. This done there is no

langer to be feared from the bite of a mad dog. The superstition still prevails though the existing boards are few. The fortunate possessor of one can therefore make a good deal of money by the sale of the printed loaves in a hydrophobia scare-which he may have started himself. Why the boards are not made ad libitum is not clear. Apparently they must be very old and have an authenticated history to be efficacious. The dulibrett here shown is a strip of oak 10 inches long, 2 inches wide and less than an inch

BOTTLE TREES.

During the prolonged drought that has devastated large areas of Queensland, few squatters have been able to save remnant of their flocks and herds by feeding them on bottle trees. The scientific name of this tree is Sterculia, but its popular name gives an idea of its shape. It is like a soda-water bottle, magnified to a height of four or fiv feet. The bulbous part contains a muci laginous substance, which is wholesom and nutritious to those who have acquired its taste. It was pathetic to see the thirsty sheep gather around a bottle tree, pick up the chips, chew them, and extract all possible moisture.

THE BABY KILLER.

While the late Frank R. Stockton was planning out his book of "Pomona's Travels" he had a business appointment with his dentist, who was an old friend says the San Francisco Chronicle. Mr Stockton once told the story:

"While in the chair I got to talking with this friend about my new book. I told him I had serious thoughts of kiliing that baby. He was much interested. We talked over the advisability of doing this, and while he was not quite convinced he in the main agreed with me. I had been finished with, and clasping his hand went into the waiting-room on any way out. This waiting-room was filled with women. As I passed through the door I heard him call, 'Then you have positively decided to kill that baby?' 'Positively,' I replied. You should have seen the women stare. It was not until I got well out in the hallway that I realized what they must, of course, have been thinking." We talked over the advisability of doing

INSULTS FOR ALL-COMERS.

refer his enemy to the aforesaid lexicon, page -, line -

PINE HOUSE 800 YEARS OLD.



This is one of the buildings called "staburs," which are to and most of them date from the eleventh or twelfth century. They are storehouses for provisions to be used during the long winters, and contain among other things quantities of the peculiar hard, flat, Norwegian bread or biscuit, which is of these buildings are adorned with artistic wood carving and painted bright red. There are wooden churches of equal an-

A JAP NEWSBOY.



how the newsboy looks when sellis is newspapers. Perhaps in a few year to little Jap will discard his Orient